

Revisions to Medical Surveillance Procedures Manual and Medical Matrix (Edition 7)
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Review of the Medical Matrix focused on OSHA required programs, specialty examinations. Users were asked, by a mass mailing, to indicate the most used programs and those programs were also reviewed in detail.

Introduction Section:

Change: We added statements to reinforce that the Medical Matrix provides guidance for routine medical surveillance, not situational examinations.

Note: The intention of this manual has been from the very beginning to provide guidance for routine medical surveillance, baseline, periodic, and termination. Stressing the point that the manual does not provide guidelines for situational examinations just reemphasizes this point.

Chemical Stressors Section:

Change:

1. Programs 115 (Asbestos Past Worker 10+ years since first exposure) and Program 116 (Asbestos Past Worker 0 – 10 years since first exposure) were revised.

Note: Changes were made to these two programs based on feedback from users. Because the medical examination is documented on required form NAVMED 6260/5, history, physical, and laboratory tests were removed from the Matrix and program descriptions were expanded to describe program elements. This will result in shorter printout if you use PC Matrix for these two programs. When you select this program in PC Matrix, the program name, type of examination, and special notations will print out or will be added to the list of programs you select for a worker.

2. Construction standard references were added to each OSHA required program.

3. Program 178 (Blood and/or Body Fluids) – A new test was added, “Have you ever been evaluated for latex allergy?”

4. Program 130 (Chloroform) – A new test was added, “Skin disease.”

5. Program 134 (Coal Tar Pitch Vol./Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons) – A new test was added, “Weight.”

Physical Stressors Section:

Change:

1. Introduction modified to include this statement, “The requirement for routine, periodic examinations for sight conservation was removed from OPNAVINST 5100.23E and the

program is removed from the Medical Matrix. The program still exists in PC Matrix for you to use on occasion when you do sight screening examinations.

2. Program 179 (Organophosphate/Carbamate Compounds) – Periodicity for testing RBC Cholinesterase and Plasma Cholinesterase changed to quarterly. (There is a program note about this also.)

Specialty Examinations Section:

Change:

1. Introduction modified to include this statement, “After a baseline is established, the EKG and lipid panel are done only once past age 40 unless the provider requests otherwise.”

Appendices:

1. The original Physician’s Written Opinion is required to be given to the employee and a copy to the employer. Distribution lists of each Physician’s Written Opinion were modified to reflect this correction.